

Fall Quarter 2021 Theme:
Celebrating God
Unit III. Visions of Praise

Lesson Titles:

The Rest of the Story (Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

All People Praise God (Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

LESSON 10—November 7, 2021

Devotional Reading: Revelation 1:1-8

Background Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Print Passage: Revelation 7:9-17

Key Verse(s):

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14b, KJV)

"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

(Revelation 7:14b, NIV)

Questions to Consider:

- 1. Who are the multitude of people and where did they come from that John has a vision of seeing in heaven?
- 2. What are the multitude people in heaven saying and doing?
- 3. What is it that they will never experience again?

Lesson Context:

Jesus revealed God's plan for the end of the world to John in a vision, allowing John to see and record certain future events. John saw in a vision, two multitudes—the first consisting of the 144,000, represented by 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel, and the **second** being a great **multitude** standing before the throne, a number that no one can count. The saints are sealed for what is about to come. God protects them, as promised, from the trial and great tribulation that loom.

Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Understand how God's salvation and justice for all people inspire praise and worship.
- Embrace the significance of praising God in unity.
- Respond to God's love, goodness, and grace with joy and exaltation.

Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

I. All <u>Praise</u> (Revelation 7:9-11)

Key Point 1: John gives us a glimpse into what is going to take place in Heaven.

Key Point 2: The multitude in heaven praise and worship God.

Key Point 1: God is an awesome God. **Key Point 2:** Only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse the stain of sin. III. All Protected (Revelation 7:15-17) **Key Point 1:** Believers will one day experience the blessedness of God's presence. **Key Point 2:** The faithfulness of the multitude will be rewarded by God. Lesson Summary: God <u>never</u> forgets the righteous. God will not only comfort those who have suffered for His sake, but He will also welcome them into His glorious, magnificent presence. Life on earth will come with many troubles, yet every child of God must remain faithful and focused on God. What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.) 1. What can we do to make worship more inclusive for all? 2. Many churches have strayed in their preaching and singing emphasis on the blood of the Lamb, in favor of messages centered on praising God for His acts, healing, blessings, etc. Should their emphasis on blessings be balanced with a focus on the significance of Jesus' blood? Why or why not? 3. Amid the sufferings of the present world, what consolation do you find in the description of life in God's

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presence?